

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SENIOR COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, HELD JULY 23, 2009 AT THE VERDE VALLEY SENIOR CENTER LOCATED AT 500 E. CHERRY STREET, COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA.

Chairman Carrigan called the meeting to order at 4:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was as follows:

Commission Members Present

Beth Carrigan, Chairman
Elaine Bremner, Vice Chairman
Evelyn Couturier, Commission Member
Janice Montgomery, Commission Member
Jake Gonzales, Commission Member
Max Brown, Commission Member

Commission Members Absent

Dave Puzas, Commission Member

Council Members Present

Linda Norman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 25, 2009

Commissioner Couturiers moved to approve the minutes, and Commissioner Brown seconded. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF THE WEATHERIZATION WORKSHOP AND ESTABLISH A METHOD OF PRESENTING PRESS RELEASES, FLYERS AND INFORMATION TO THE COMMUNITY

Chairman Carrigan thanked Commissioner Brown for all of his work and help at the July 14th Weatherization Workshop. There was some discussion about future events and the time and planning for them. There have been seven (7) applications completed and two (2) more on the way as a result of the workshop.

It was noted the Journal newspaper had a very nice article about the workshop, but there was nothing said about the Senior Commission's involvement. Chairman Carrigan stated she would like to allow more time to prepare for any future events. There was discussion about even having an extra planning meeting during the planning of an event so things will run smoother and time for better advertisement for the community.

Co-Chairman Bremner suggested the Care Givers, Fire Departments and various ones should be included in any future workshops, since they are the ones who see a lot of the homes in the area. They might have some information in helping promote the Weatherization Program. Commissioner Couturier also suggested the local churches should also have information about the program.

Commissioner Montgomery arrived at 4:20 PM.

There was some discussion about keeping track of where information and flyers are distributed and what response was received from them. Commissioner Montgomery stated there are clubs at Mingus Union High School, Boy Scouts and other youth groups that could help distribute flyers.

A list of invitees for a discussion to help increase the Weatherization Program included:

APS and Unisource
Care Givers
Home Care
Representatives of HOMA's
Fire Departments
Adult Protective Services
Catholic Charities
Verde Valley Coalition
Old Town Mission
Police Departments
Verde Valley Medical Hospital

Commissioner Carrigan asked the Commissioners if this type of event would be better than the Verde River Days. The consensus was YES.

It was agreed that a morning meeting would be good maybe on August 14th or August 21st for meeting with these entities to discuss the needs of the community for the Weatherization Program. An invitation would need to be prepared and faxed out by August 4th or August 5th. The invitation should also be sent to the local newspapers. Co-Chairman Bremner will check the calendar for the Senior Center to see if either date will fit into their schedule.

DISCUSS THE POSITION OF THE RESOURCE SPECIALIST AND WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE

Co-Chairman Bremner reported that her Title V person has found a full time job. She is searching for another Title V person to fill the position. A discussion followed about presenting to the Cottonwood City Council the need for this position and could they help.

DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES, AND WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP

It was the consensus that Verde River Days would be placed on hold pending the August 14th or August 21st event.

Entire Care will be extended an invitation to the next meeting for a presentation.

PROVIDE INPUT ABOUT CURRENT EVENTS OF INTEREST

The Senior Center will have a POW/MIA Soup Day on September 18th. Their Golf Tournament will be on October 3rd, and November will be their 30th anniversary.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Elaine Bremner, and seconded by Jake Gonzales to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 P.M.